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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. In accordance with the pre-OG Notice dated July 11, 2003, entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003," only a copy of the listed foreign document is enclosed. A concise explanation of the relevance of the enclosed document appears at page 3 of the specification, where it is inadvertently referred to as 09-18850A, rather than 09-118850 A. A copy of an English language abstract for the Japanese patent document is also attached to the document copy, and a U.S. counterpart, is listed on the PTO 1449.

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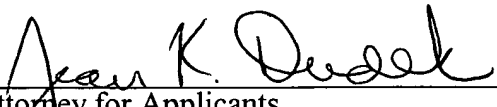
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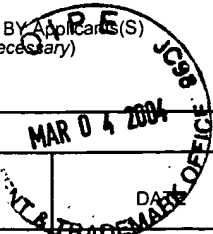
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	

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